GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS IN MADHYA PRADESH
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any project to the Union Government for development of forests;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have accorded its approval;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor indicating the time by which approval is likely to be accorded in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project (Phase-II) for possible externa assistance of the World Bank.

(b) The Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project (Phase-II) is continuation of the Madhya Pradesh Forestry Project (Phase I). The Project goal is to reduce poverty by improvement in livelihood systems of rural poor in forest fringe areas through sustainable forest management. The main thrust areas of the project are (I) Increased production
(ii) Seed development
(iii) Biotechnology
(iv) Applied research and
(v) Extension. The duration of the Project will be five years and the estimated cost is about Rs.900 crores.

(c), (d) & (e) The Project has been posed to the World Bank and no decision has yet been taken by the World Bank on the proposal.